

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 38: WATERS AND NAVIGATION
Chapter 3: PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATERS

§480-C. PROHIBITIONS

1. Prohibition. A person may not perform or cause to be performed any activity listed in subsection 2 without first obtaining a permit from the department if the activity is located in, on or over any protected natural resource or is located adjacent to any of the following:

- A. A coastal wetland, great pond, river, stream or brook or significant wildlife habitat contained within a freshwater wetland; or [1995, c. 460, §12 (AFF); 1995, c. 460, §4 (RPR).]
- B. Freshwater wetlands consisting of or containing:
 - (1) Under normal circumstances, at least 20,000 square feet of aquatic vegetation, emergent marsh vegetation or open water, except for artificial ponds or impoundments; or
 - (2) Peatlands dominated by shrubs, sedges and sphagnum moss. [1995, c. 460, §12 (AFF); 1995, c. 460, §4 (RPR).]

A person may not perform or cause to be performed any activity in violation of the terms or conditions of a permit.

[2001, c. 618, §2 (AMD) .]

2. Activities requiring a permit. The following activities require a permit:

- A. Dredging, bulldozing, removing or displacing soil, sand, vegetation or other materials; [1987, c. 809, §2 (NEW) .]
- B. Draining or otherwise dewatering; [1987, c. 809, §2 (NEW) .]
- C. Filling, including adding sand or other material to a sand dune; or [1987, c. 809, §2 (NEW) .]
- D. Any construction, repair or alteration of any permanent structure. [1987, c. 809, §2 (NEW) .]

[1987, c. 809, §2 (NEW) .]

3. Application.

[1993, c. 721, Pt. F, §1 (RP); 1993, c. 721, Pt. H, §1 (AFF) .]

4. Significant groundwater well. A person may not perform or cause to be performed the establishment or operation of a significant groundwater well without first obtaining a permit from the department.

[2007, c. 399, §11 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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